



Fall 2009
VOICES ~ Professional Development for AEL staff
Sponsored by the Vermont Humanities Council
An Adult Education and Literacy Book Discussion Program

facilitated by Gail Babinger, trainer for VOICES (VHC)

Friday, October 16 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Robert Frost Interpretive Trail, Ripton, Vermont
Friday, October 30 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Hegeman Ave., Colchester
Friday, November 6 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
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Teachers who participate in a VOICES training will be able to:

- facilitate book discussions with Adult Education students
- request free books of your choice from the Vermont Humanities Council for all students participating in the group
- use book discussions as a springboard to explore students' life roles, responsibilities, and interests
- use literature to introduce and work with specific EFF tools and literacy skills

Books for this training are:

1. A poetry book, *You Come Too: Favorite Poems for Readers of All Ages*, by Robert Frost.
2. A children's book, *The Most Magnificent Mosque* by Ann Tungman and Shelley Fowles. The book takes place in Cordoba, Spain and is a story about three boys of different faiths who work together to save the Mosque.
3. A young adult book, *The Day of the Pelican* by Katherine Paterson. It is the story the Lleshi family, ethnic Albanians living in Kosovo in the early 1990's, at a time when the country trying to fight off Serbian aggression. They are suddenly made homeless refugees by the fighting and find their courage tested by hunger, illness, the long, arduous journey, and danger on every side. Then, unexpectedly, they are brought to America and helped by a church group to begin a new life in a small Vermont town. It is the Vermont Humanities Council Vermont Reads book for 2010.

Please let Cindy know if you're interested in participating in the training.